

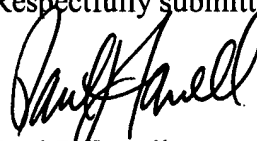
REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claim 4 remains allowed. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sawyer et al. (U.S. Patent 5,946,629) in view of Verkama et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0114160). Sawyer et al. discloses a cellular telephone network having short message service interaction with other networks; Verkama et al. discloses restriction of incoming calls in a mobile communication system.

Please cancel Claims 1-3 without prejudice.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claim 4, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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